

# Solo Leveling

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Epilogue

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MY NAME IS  
"ANTARES."

I AM THE FIRST  
AND STRONGEST  
MONARCH WHO  
WAS BORN FROM  
THE DARKNESS.





I AM THE KING OF  
ALL DRAGONS, AS  
WELL AS A SYMBOL  
OF FEAR AND  
DESTRUCTION.

THAT'S RIGHT.



THOSE WHO KNOW ME  
CALL ME "THE DRAGON  
KING" WITH REVERENCE  
AND RESPECT.

BUT ONE DAY,

WHILE I WAS HIDING IN  
THE DIMENSIONAL RIFT  
AND PREPARING TO  
INVADE EARTH WITH MY



10 MILLION SOLDIERS,



I OPENED  
MY EYES...



...AND FOUND  
MYSELF INSIDE  
A HUMAN'S BODY.





WHY DOES  
THIS HUMAN LOOK  
SO WEAK?





HAA, HOW PATHETIC.

THIS HUMAN'S NAME IS SUNG JINWOO.

HE IS A YOUNG MAN WHO IS AN E-RANK HUNTER IN A COUNTRY CALLED KOREA.



GLANCE

ALTHOUGH HE IS WEAK, HE HAS BEEN AWAKENED AS A HUNTER. THANKS TO THAT, HE MUST HAVE COME CLOSE TO DEATH SEVERAL TIMES. YET IT APPEARS THAT HE STILL HASN'T GIVEN UP ON BEING A HUNTER.






IS IT...  
BECAUSE OF  
HIS MOTHER'S  
ILLNESS?

HAA...  
I COULD'VE EASILY  
HEALED A PETTY  
DISEASE LIKE THAT  
WITH MY MAGIC.

BZZZ  
BZZZ

WHO'S THIS?





WHERE ARE  
YOU, MR. SUNG?

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR  
OUR RAID, BUT I DON'T  
SEE YOU HERE YET...

ARE YOU GOING TO  
BE LATE AGAIN?



...!

TARDINESS...

...IS THE ACT OF  
ARRIVING LATER THAN  
THE DESIGNATED TIME,  
DUE TO ONE'S FAILURE  
TO BE PUNCTUAL.





IN OTHER WORDS,  
THIS WOMAN IS DARING TO  
ASK ME, THE ALMIGHTY  
"DRAGON KING,"

IF I WILL  
COMMIT AN ACT THAT  
IS A SYMBOL OF  
INCOMPETENCE.

*I SIMPLY CANNOT  
LET SUCH A THING  
HAPPEN!*

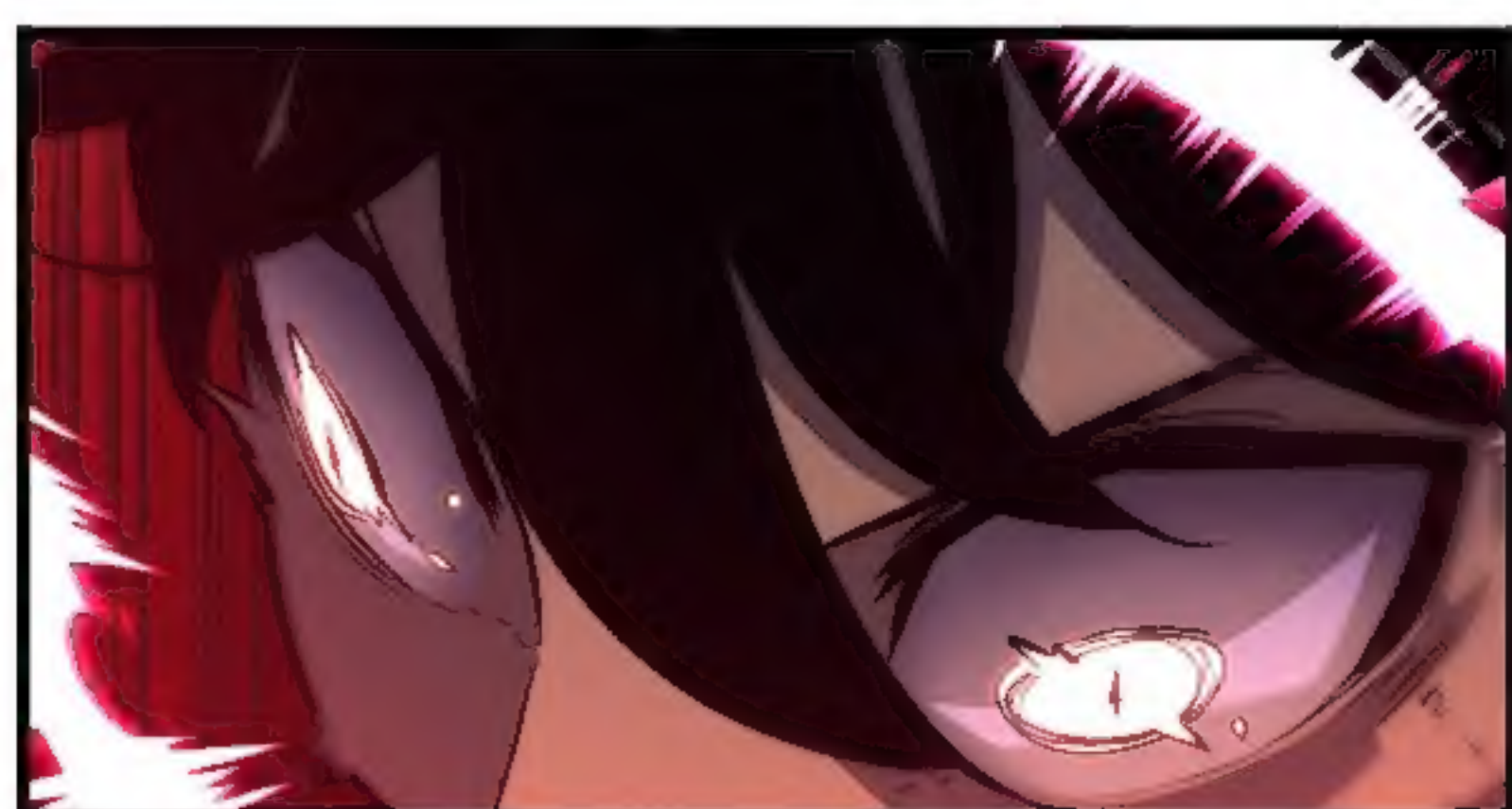
OI...  
WHERE  
ARE YOU?

WHERE DO YOU  
THINK? WE'RE ALL  
WAITING IN FRONT OF  
THE GATE RIGHT NOW.

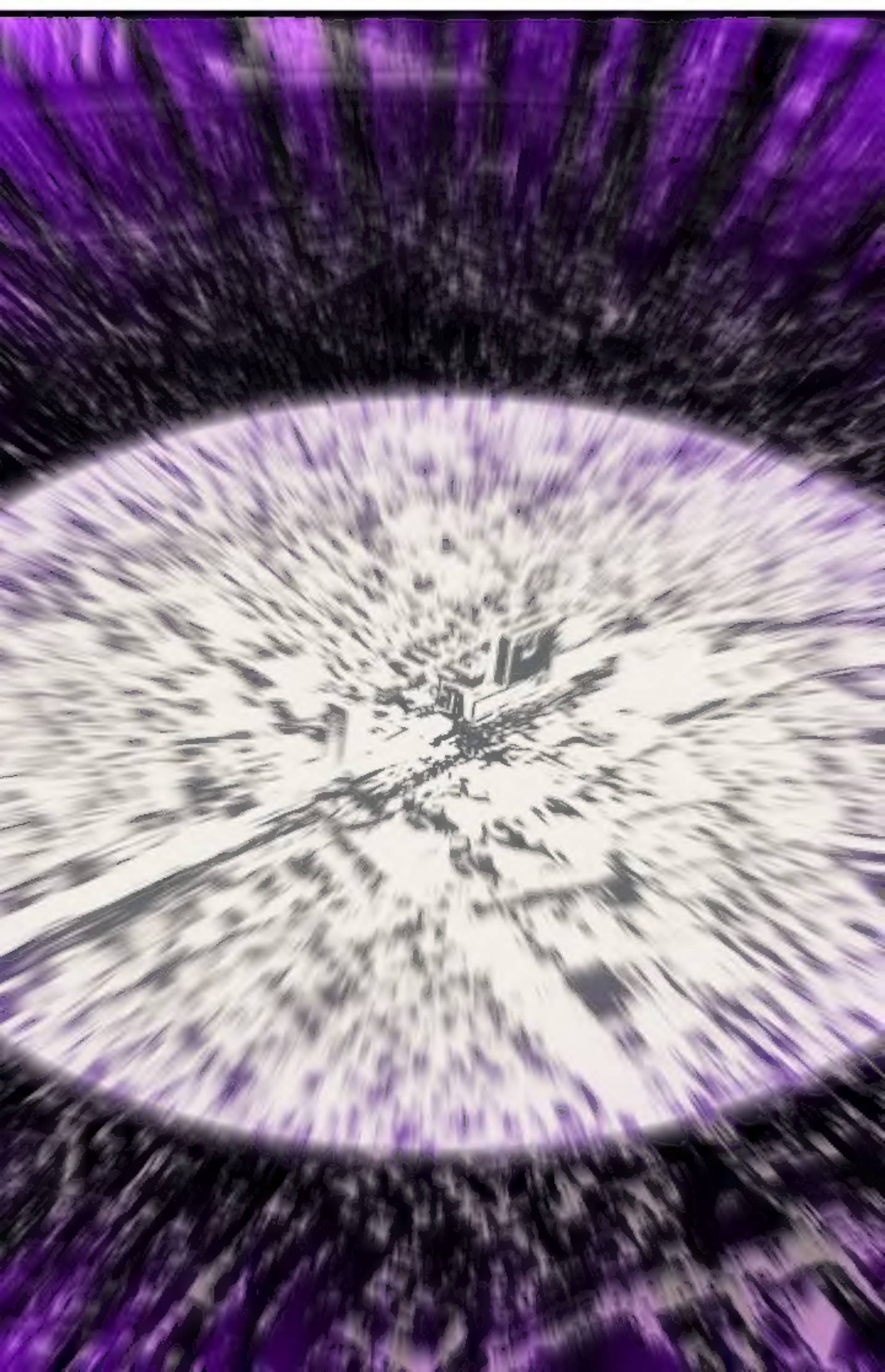
AND WHY ARE  
YOU TALKING TO ME  
SO RUDELY ALL OF A  
SUDDEN, MR. SUNG?



I MUST  
FOCUS...



...SO I CAN  
FIND THE PLACE  
WHERE THIS ARROGANT  
WOMAN'S VOICE IS  
COMING FROM.





I FOUND YOU.

EXCUSE ME?  
WHAT DO YOU MEAN,  
YOU FOUND-

*BEEP*

...

WHAT THE HECK  
WAS THAT ABOUT?



AM I LATE?

TAP

E...

EEK!!


I ASKED IF  
I ARRIVED  
LATE.

SQUEEZE

N...NO.

GOOD.





HERE YOU GO.  
GOOD LUCK WITH  
TODAY'S RAID.

THANKS!



SUNG! SUNG!  
WHAT'S UP? HAVE  
YOU HAD ANYTHING  
TO EAT YET?



WHO IS THIS  
MAN? IS HE MY  
SUBORDINATE?

COFFEE...  
I WOULD LIKE  
SOME COFFEE  
AS WELL.



AH, MR. SUNG  
JINWOO. I'M SORRY  
TO SAY THIS, BUT ALL  
THE COFFEE HAS  
JUST RUN OUT...







THAT  
WON'T BE A  
PROBLEM.



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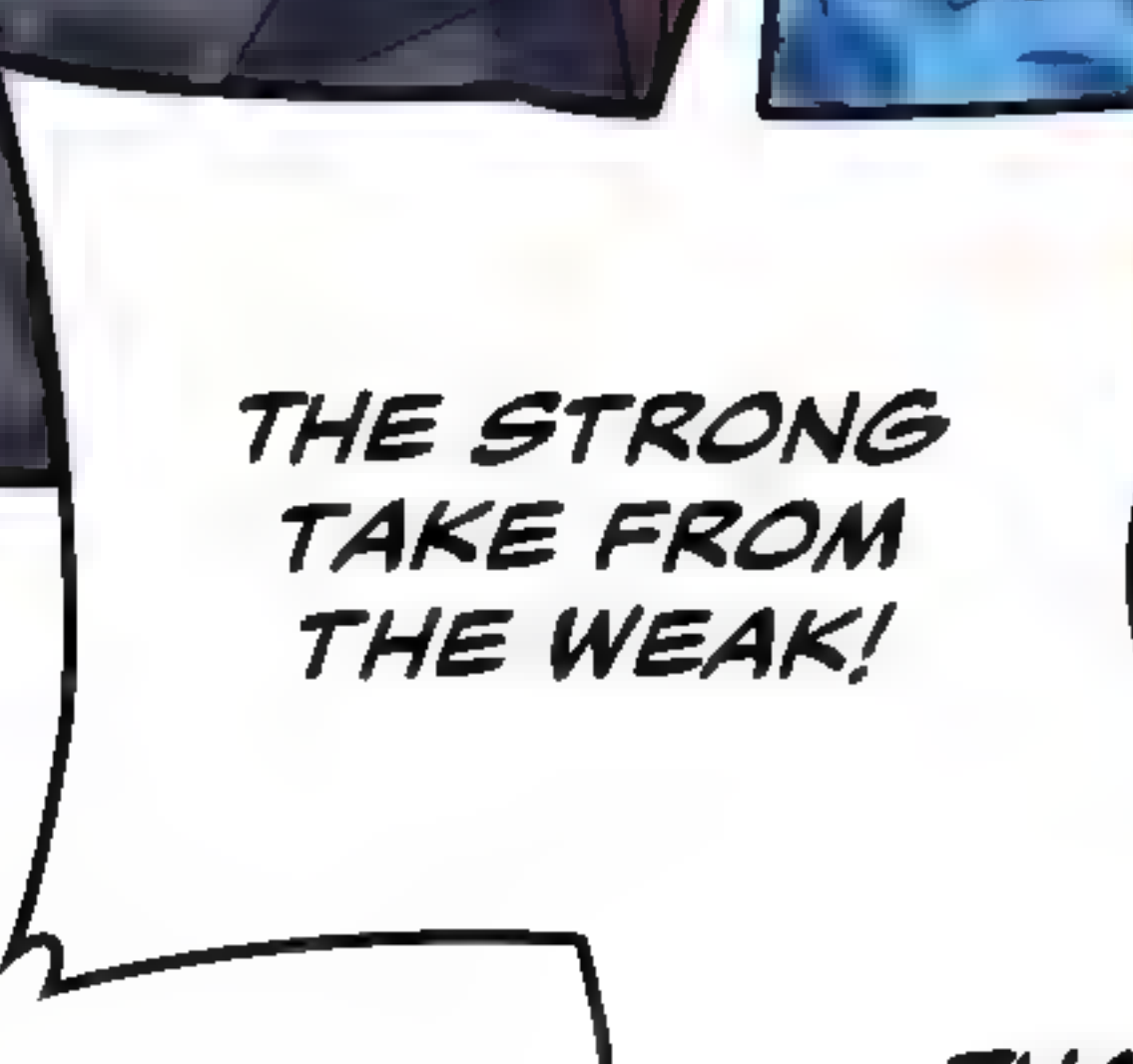
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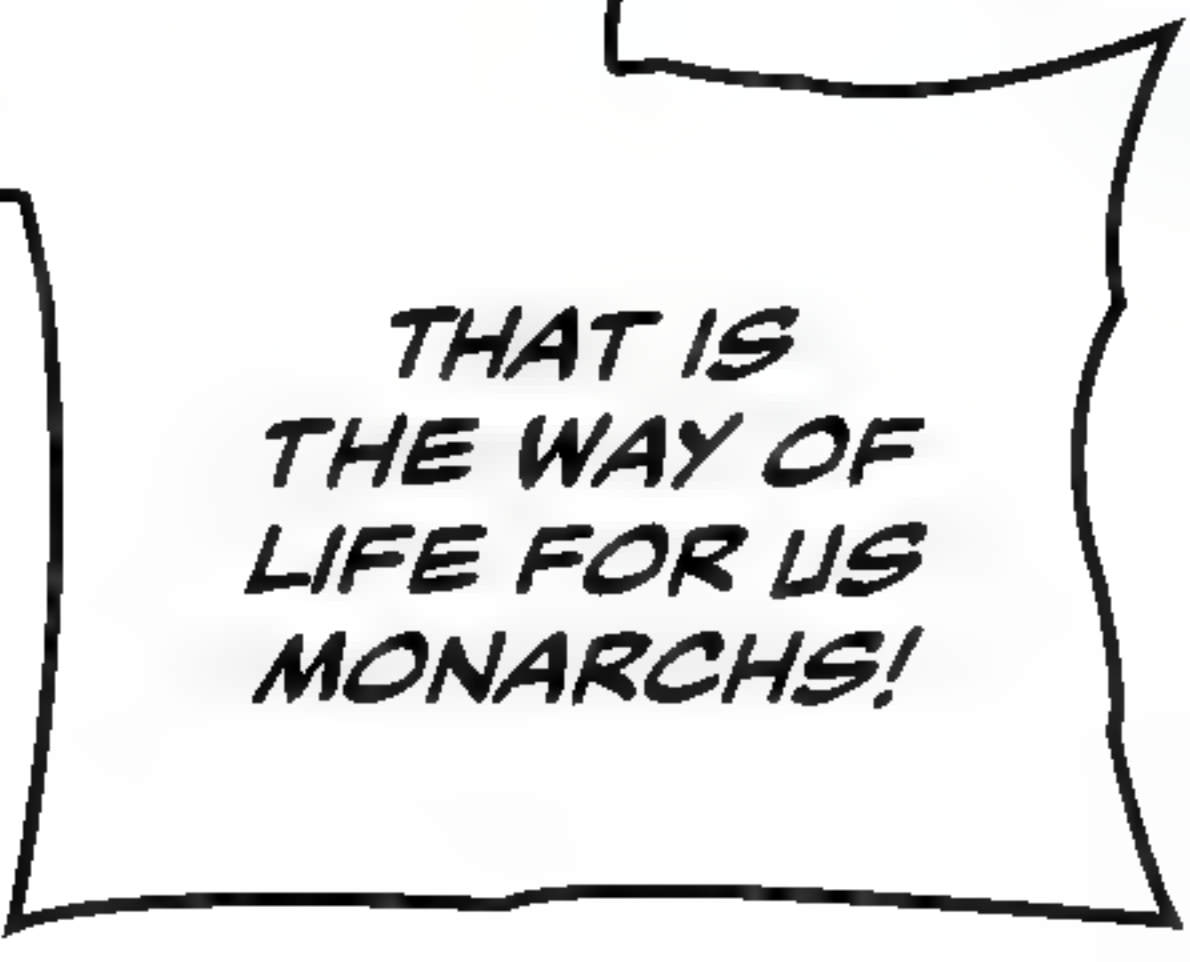
HAHA!



CRUSH



THE STRONG  
TAKE FROM  
THE WEAK!



THAT IS  
THE WAY OF  
LIFE FOR US  
MONARCHS!



DON'T YOU THINK  
SUNG... SEEMS  
A LITTLE ODD  
TODAY?

I AGREE.  
THE LOOK IN HIS  
EYES IS A BIT  
SCARY...

HA HA

HA HA


HE'S BEEN  
GIVING ME THE  
CHILLS SINCE HE  
GOT HERE.

AGH!  
JINWOO!  
YOU'RE  
HURT  
AGAIN!!




WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO YOUR FACE  
THIS TIME?!





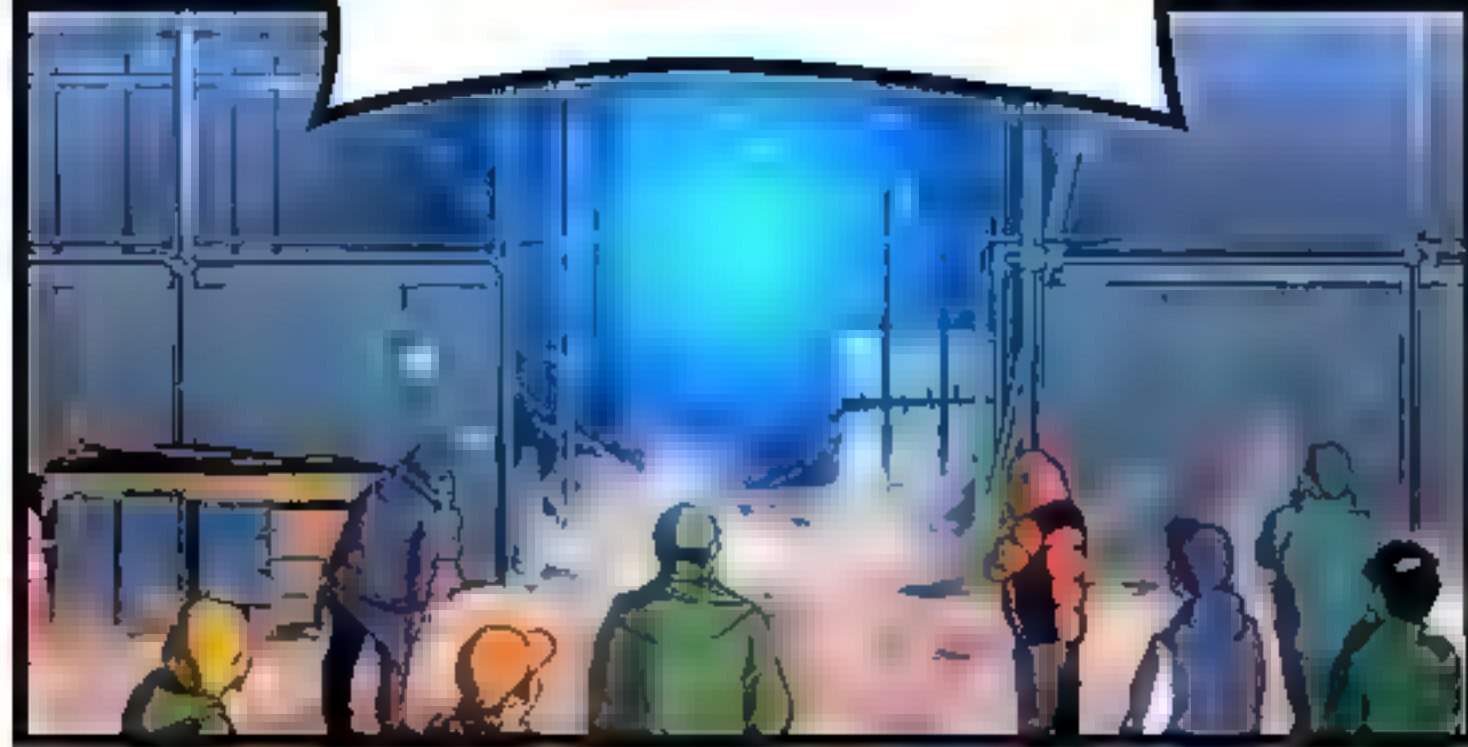
WHY ARE ALL  
THE HUMANS HERE  
SO NOISY?



GEEZ...  
WHAT HAPPENED  
TO YOU?



**LISTEN UP,  
EVERYONE!**



I'M SURE WE'RE  
ALL LOOKING TO HAVE  
A GOOD TIME AND HIT  
THE JACKPOT TODAY.  
THAT SAID, EVEN THOUGH  
I'M NOT IN ANY PLACE  
TO SAY THIS,



I'M THINKING ABOUT  
TAKING CHARGE AND  
BEING THE PARTY LEADER.  
HOW'S THAT SOUND TO  
EVERYONE?

SONG, YOU'RE  
THE HIGHEST RANK  
OUT OF EVERYONE  
HERE! I APPROVE.



YEAH, WE CAN  
COUNT ON SONG.  
LET'S SEE THOSE  
SKILLS.







ALL THE GATES  
THAT APPEAR ON  
EARTH ARE BEING  
CREATED BY THE  
RULERS...

...SO WHY DO I  
FEEL THE ENERGY  
OF A MONARCH  
COMING FROM  
THAT GATE?

I BETTER  
INVESTIGATE THIS.

I WILL  
BE GOING AS  
WELL.

...HUH?  
O, OF COURSE YOU  
ARE, SUNG.

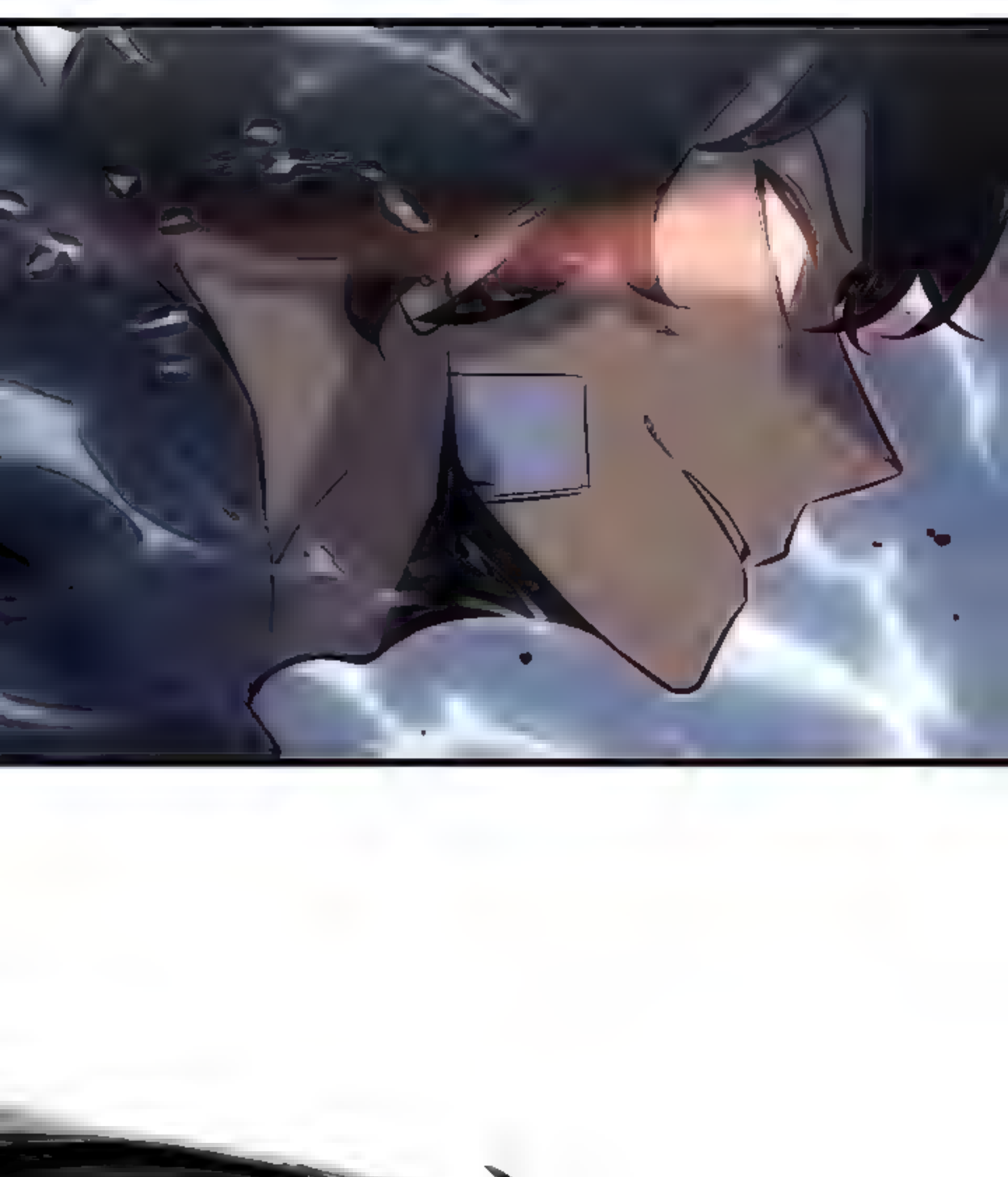
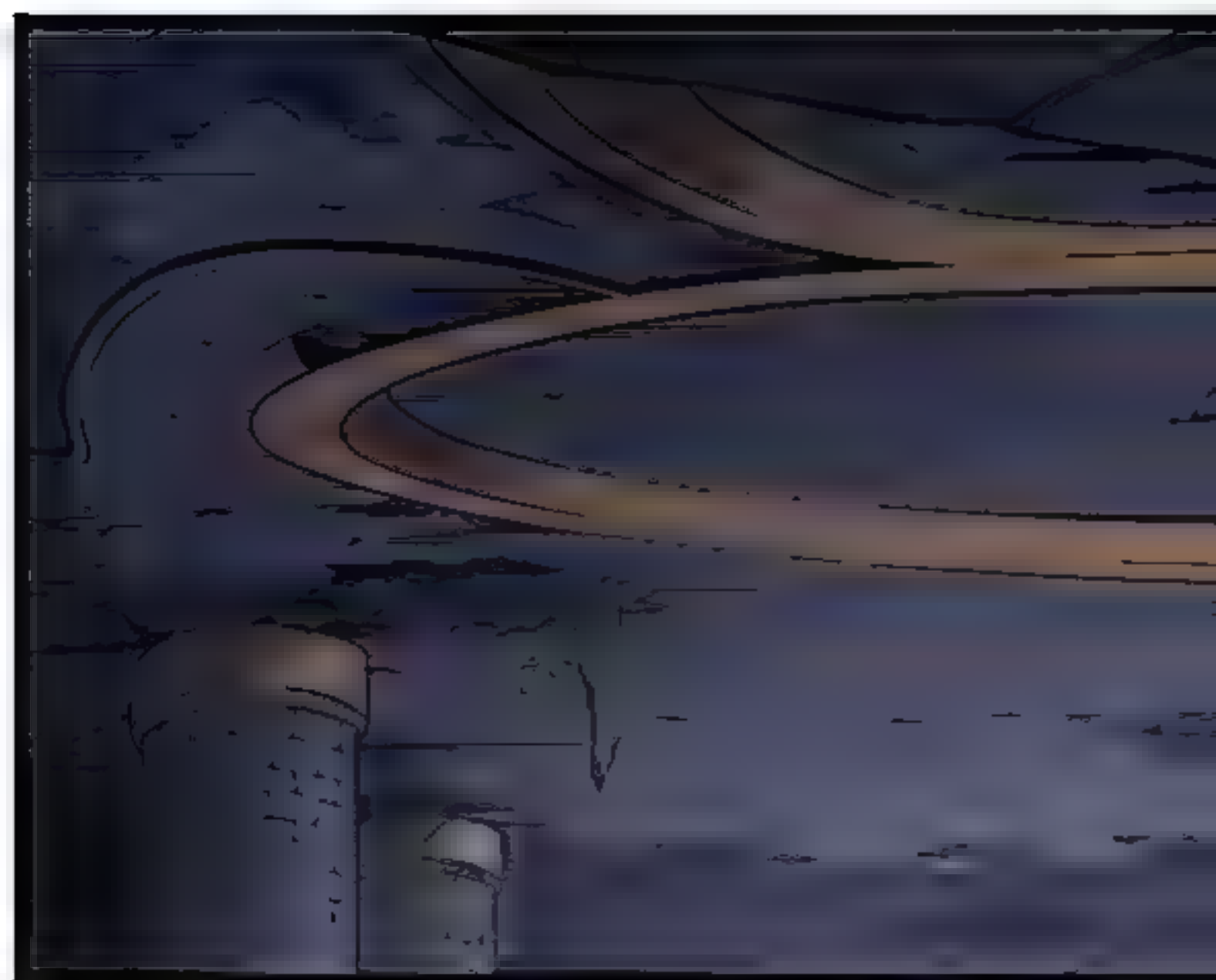


SUNG, KEEP  
BEHIND US SO YOU  
DON'T GET HURT.  
TAKE IT EASY!



THAT MAN IS WEAK,  
YET HE SEEMS TO BE  
A LOYAL SUBORDINATE  
WHO CARES ABOUT HIS  
MASTER'S SAFETY.











A large dragon with grey scales and red wings is breathing a powerful stream of fire. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with the word "SLICE" written in a stylized, jagged font across it. The background is dark and smoky.

SERIOUSLY...  
DOESN'T SLING  
SEEM DIFFERENT  
TODAY?


CRACK

WELL...  
MAYBE THE MAGIC  
BEASTS IN THIS  
DUNGEON ARE JUST  
THAT WEAK...

BUT I CAN'T  
EVEN FOLLOW HIS  
MOVEMENTS WITH  
MY EYES...

WHAT ARE  
YOU WAITING FOR?  
WE MUST GO  
THIS WAY.

TUMBLE

A character with dark hair and a determined expression is running through a dark, rocky cave. They are wearing a dark, hooded cloak. The cave is filled with jagged rocks and debris. The word "TUMBLE" is written in a stylized, jagged font next to the character.









IT LOOKS LIKE  
THE REST OF YOU  
ARE WILLING TO  
FOLLOW ME.

A...AREN'T  
WE VENTURING IN  
TOO DEEP?

HOW LONG  
HAVE WE BEEN  
WALKING?


FOR ABOUT  
40 MINUTES NOW.

THE GATE CLOSES  
ONE HOUR AFTER  
THE BOSS IS DEFEATED,  
SO WE'LL HAVE ABOUT  
20 MINUTES' LEEWAY  
TO HEAD BACK.

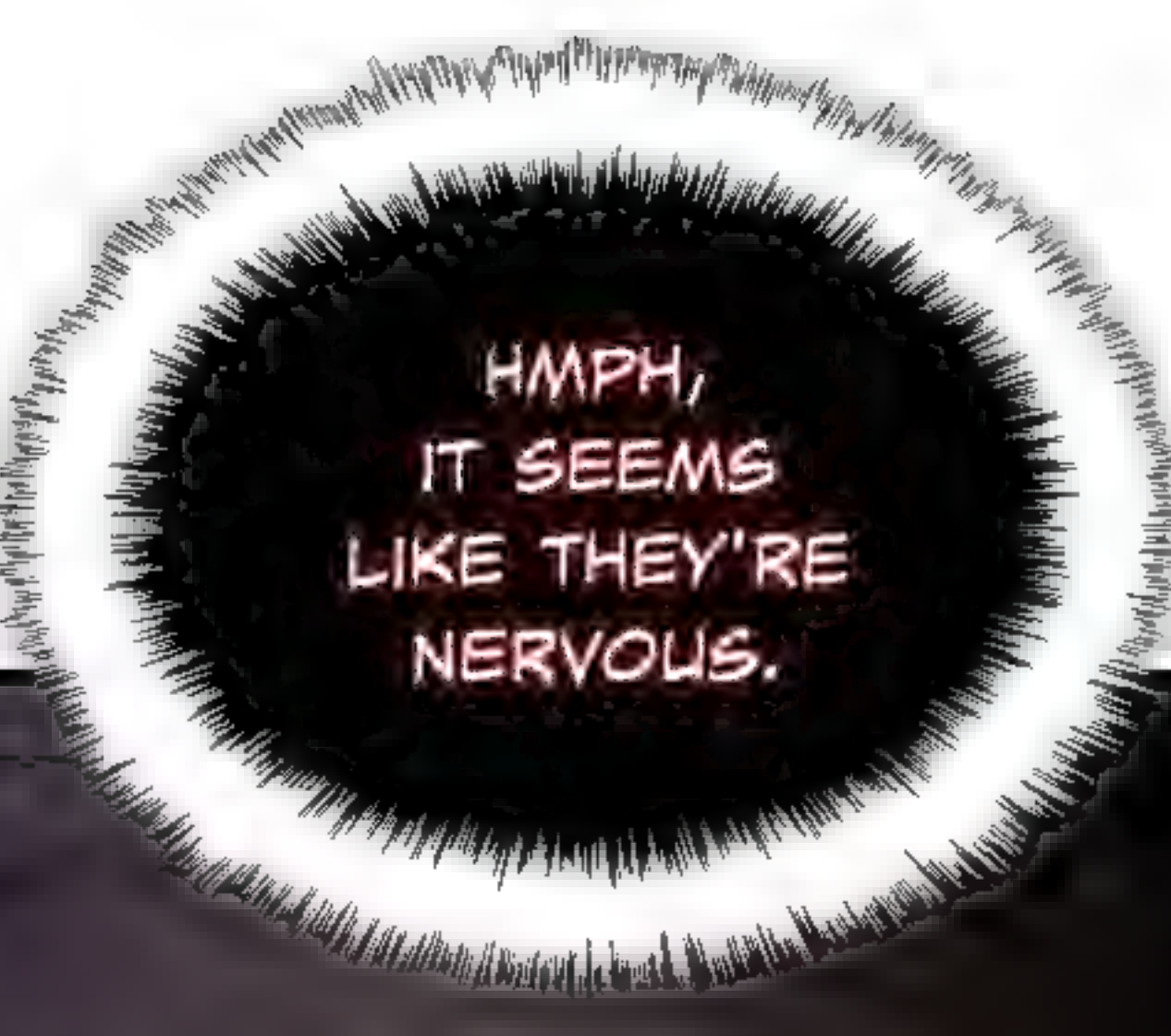
WHY IS THERE  
A DOOR AT THE END  
OF THIS CAVE?

EVEN THOUGH  
THIS IS A FIRST FOR  
ME, SEEMS RATHER  
STRANGE.






I FEEL LIKE  
THIS PLACE IS  
DANGEROUS...



HMPH,  
IT SEEMS  
LIKE THEY'RE  
NERVOUS.

MURMUR

MURMUR



WELL, I AGREE  
THAT THIS PLACE WILL  
BE DANGEROUS. I MYSELF  
CAN SENSE THE DAUNTING  
ENERGY COMING OUT OF  
THAT ROOM.

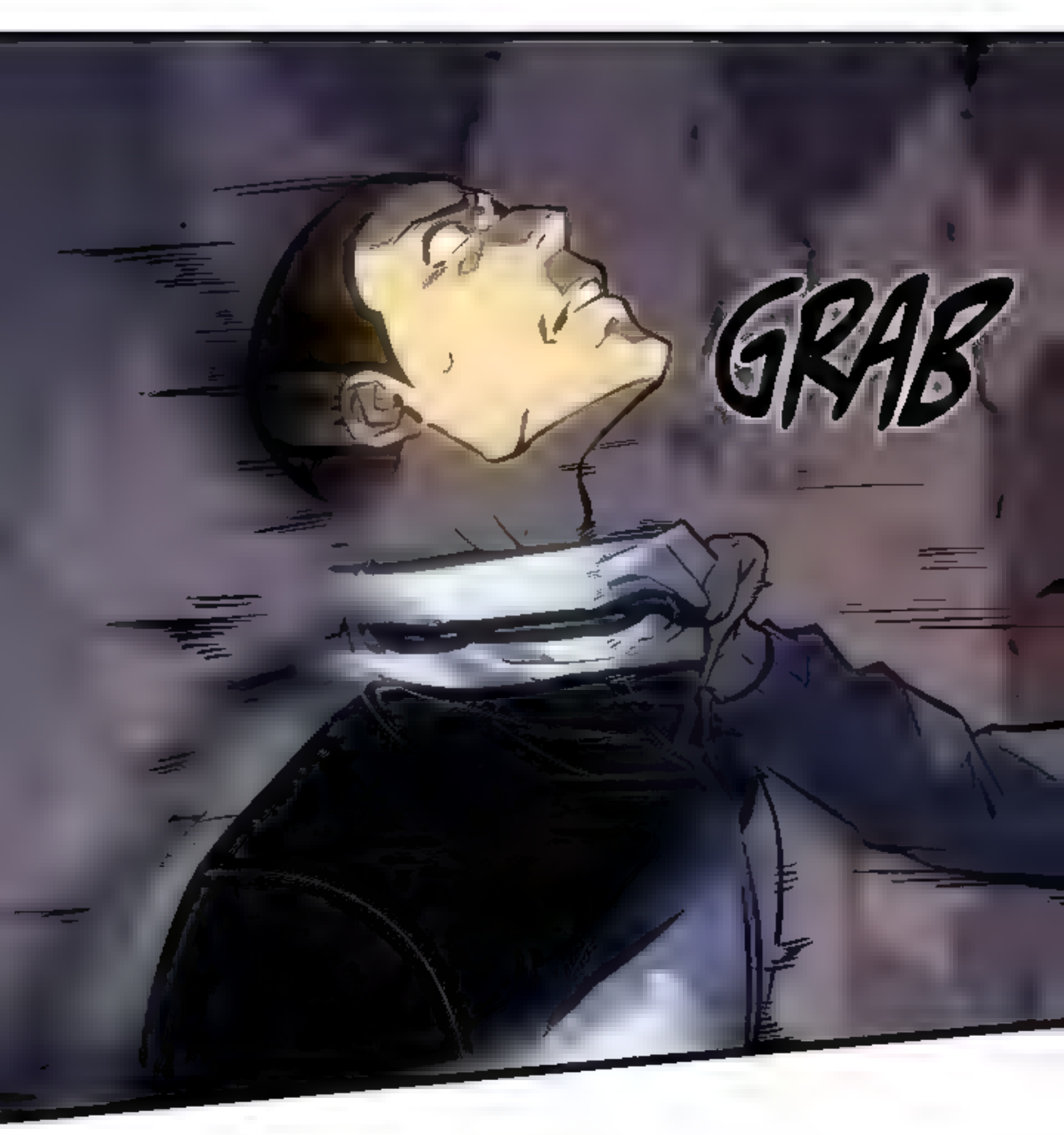
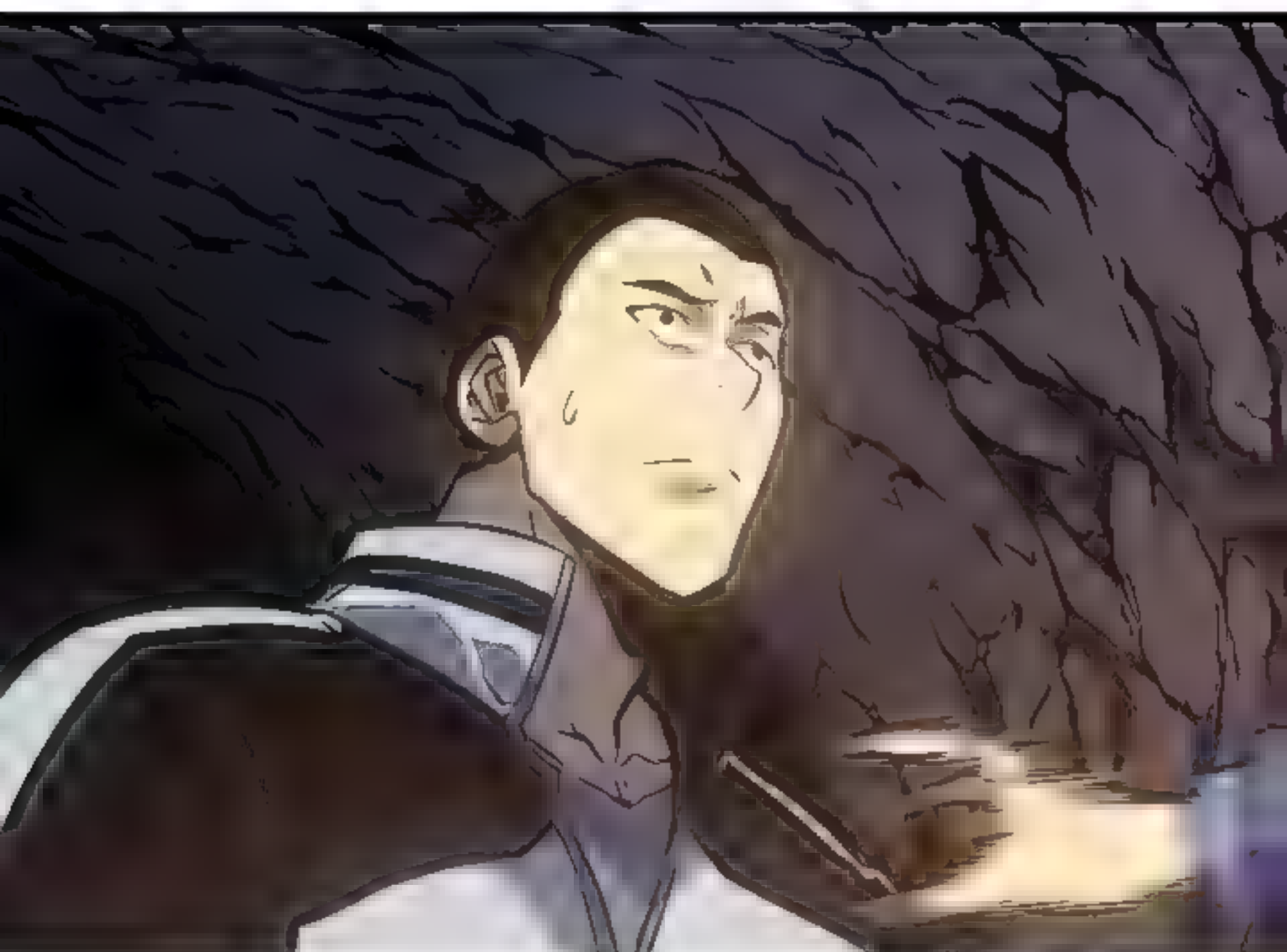
CLATTER





***W, WAIT,  
SUNG!***





A...ACK!









OOOH!  
THE TORCHES  
LIT UP. NICE!

NEVER SEEN  
ANYTHING LIKE THIS  
DUNGEON. NOW,  
CHOP-CHOP! LET'S ALL  
SPLIT UP AND TAKE A  
LOOK AROUND.



WOW, THAT  
STATUE'S  
SUPER HUGE.

THAT'S NOT  
THE BOSS,  
IS IT?

IT'S THAT ONE,  
ACTUALLY.

HUH? WAIT...  
ISN'T THIS WRITING  
ON THE STONE  
SLATE A RUNIC  
INSCRIPTION?



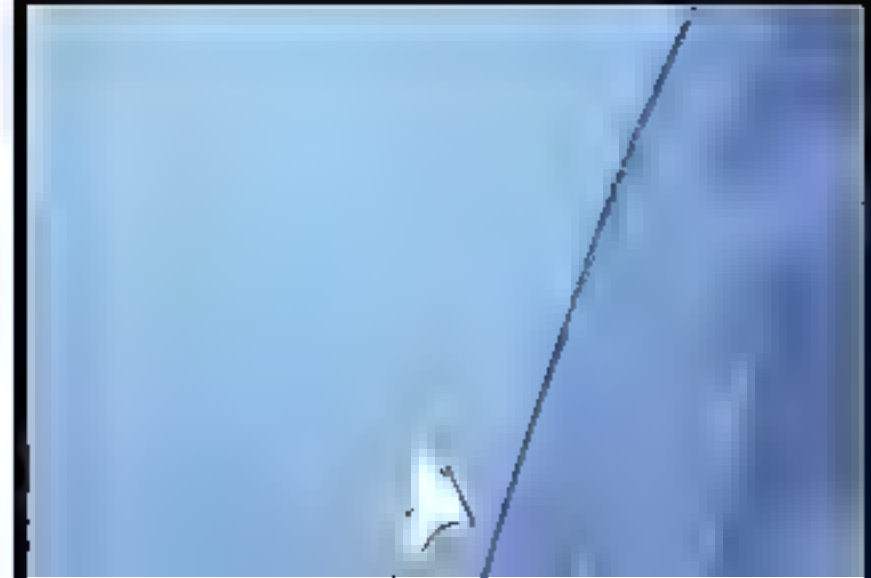


DOES ANYONE  
KNOW HOW TO  
READ IT?

THESE FOOLS.  
WHY CAN'T A SINGLE  
ONE OF THEM READ  
SOMETHING SO  
SIMPLE?



THE  
COMMANDMENTS  
OF THE CARTENON  
TEMPLE.





GRAB

H, HEY,  
JINWOO...

OVER...  
OVER THERE...  
THAT HUGE  
STATUE...

LET GO  
OF ME.

SNATCH



ONE. THOU SHALL  
WORSHIP GOD.

TWO. THOU SHALL  
PRAISE GOD.

THREE.  
THOU SHALL PROVE  
THY FAITH.

**THOSE WHO FAIL  
TO OBEY THESE  
COMMANDMENTS  
SHALL NOT BE  
SPARED.**

**SPARK**





YOU DARE  
TRY TO TAKE ME  
DOWN WITH SUCH



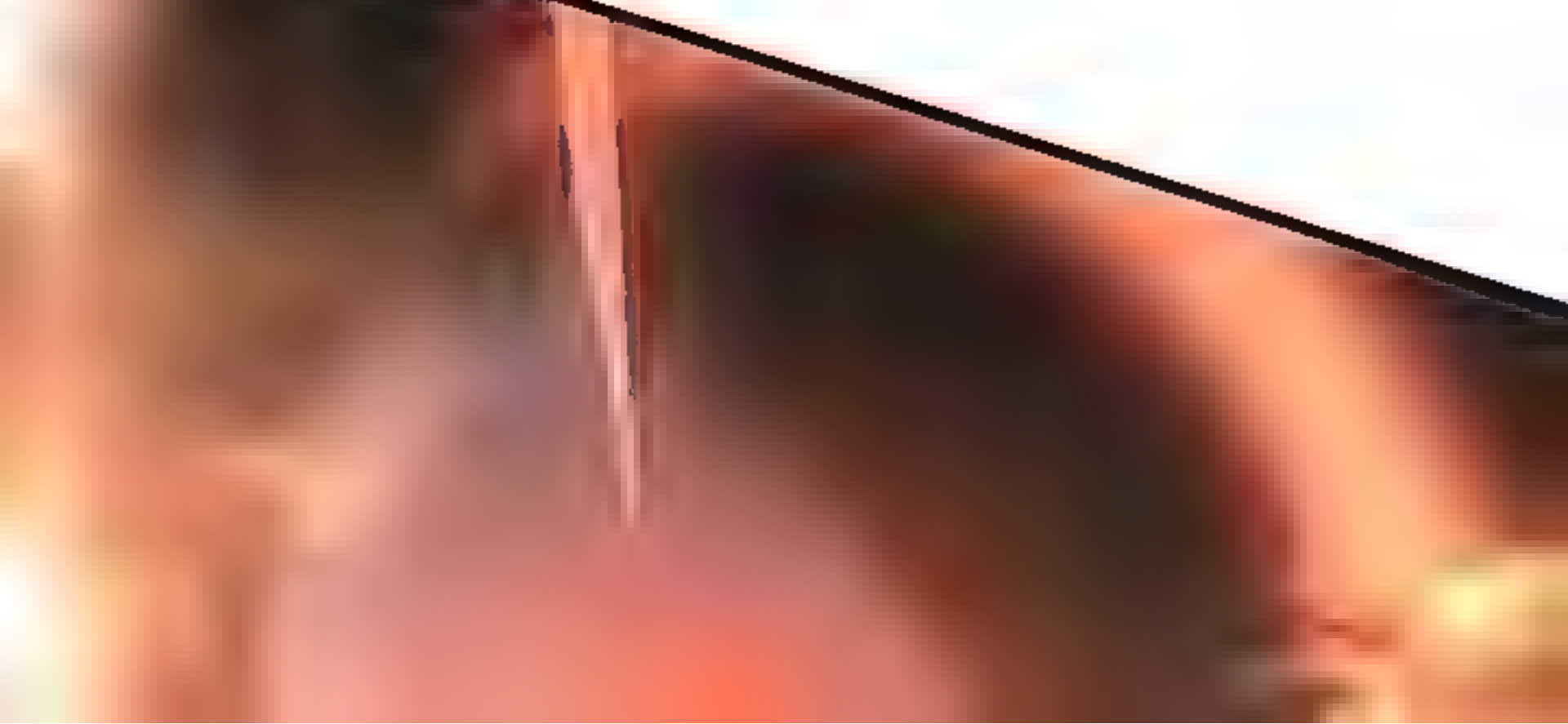
DOWN WITH SUCH  
LITTLE POWER?!















THE BREATH OF  
DESTRUCTION!

HA!

WHAM!





CRASH















**STOMP**

**HAHAHAHAHA!**



**YOU INSOLENT  
PUPPETS!**





**YOU'RE  
TOO SLOW!**

**BOOM!**

**BOOM!**

**BOOM!**

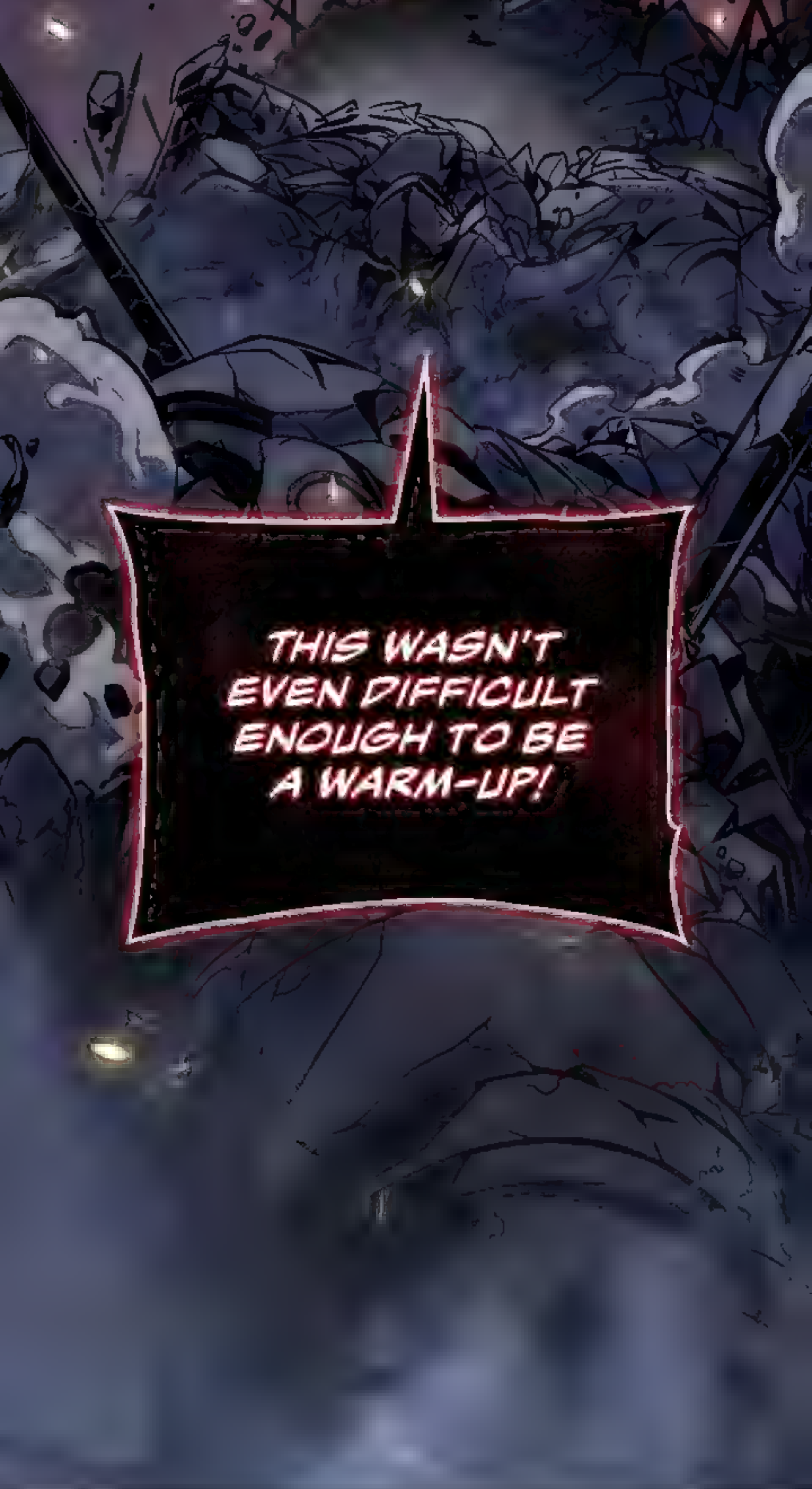
**WAIT! DON'T YOU  
THINK THERE'S  
ANOTHER WAY  
TO DO THIS?!**

**WHAT  
ABOUT THOSE  
COMMANDMENTS  
FROM EARLIER?!**




A character is shown being consumed by a large, intense fire. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with black smoke rising from it. The character is in the center of the fire, and their body is partially visible. The background is dark and smoky.

IS THIS ALL  
YOU'VE GOT?

A character is shown in a dark, smoky environment. The character is wearing a dark, hooded cloak and is holding a long, thin object, possibly a sword or a staff. The character is looking down, and their face is partially visible. The background is dark and smoky, with some light reflecting off the smoke.

THIS WASN'T  
EVEN DIFFICULT  
ENOUGH TO BE  
A WARM-UP!

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WHO IN  
THE WORLD  
ARE YOU?!











I DIDN'T COME  
HERE TO SPEAK  
WITH THAT FAKE.

THE ONE I  
SEEK IS THE ONE  
PULLING THE  
STRINGS FROM  
THE SHADOWS!

SHOW  
YOURSELF, YOU  
COWARD!

RUMBLE



MONARCH OF  
DESTRUCTION.

**STOMP**

WE WERE  
DESTINED TO  
MEET LIKE THIS.

I SHALL  
PUT AN END TO  
OUR ILL-FATED  
RELATIONSHIP  
HERE, ONCE AND  
FOR ALL!

**WHOOOSH**

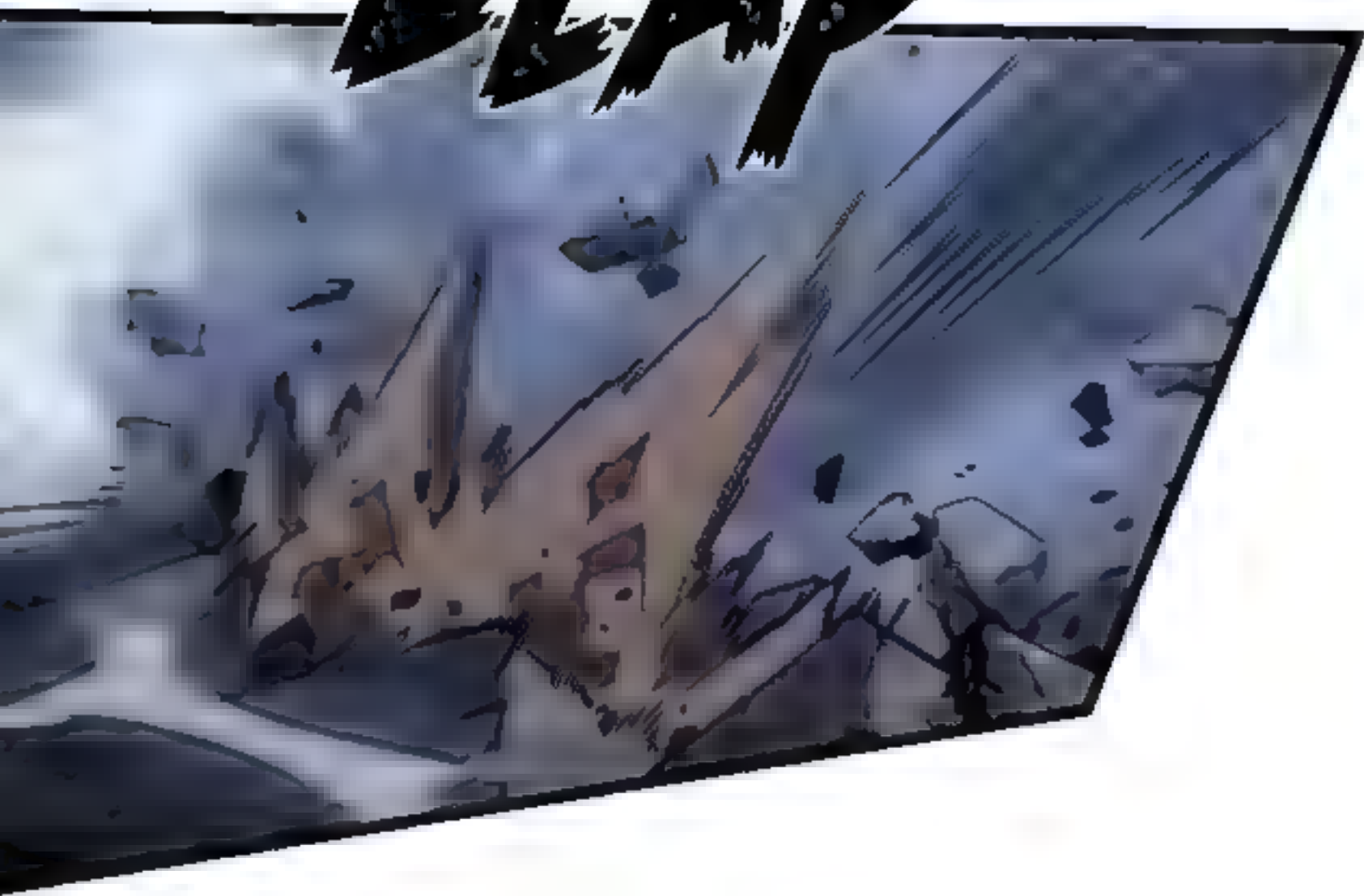








**LEAP**







**COME!**

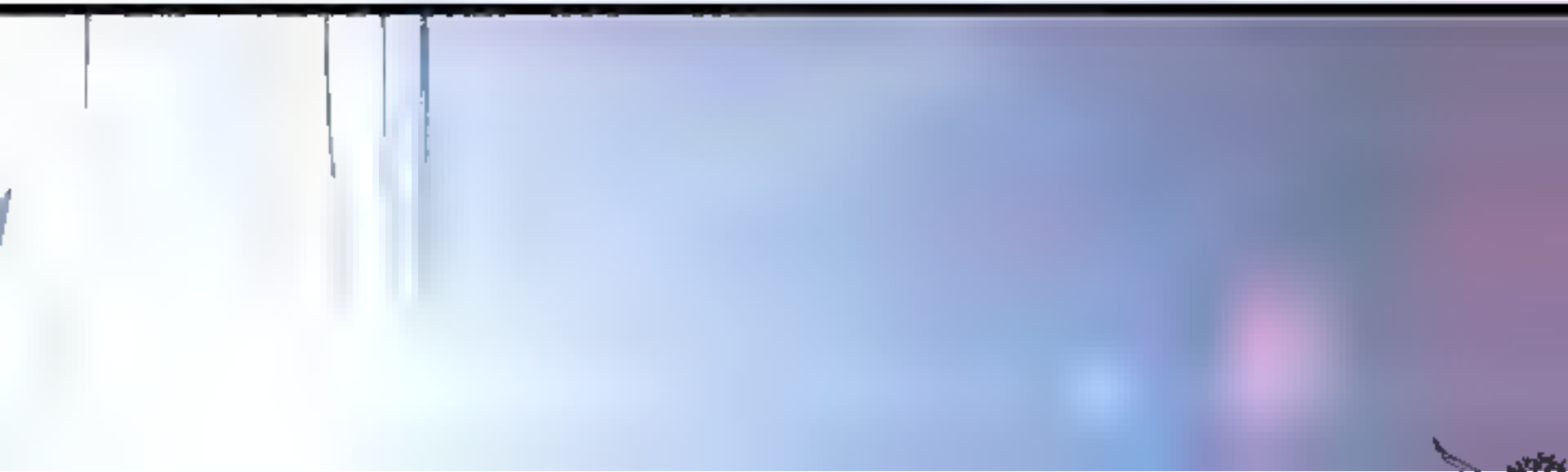


**OUR BATTLE WON'T  
END EASILY!**





ACK!



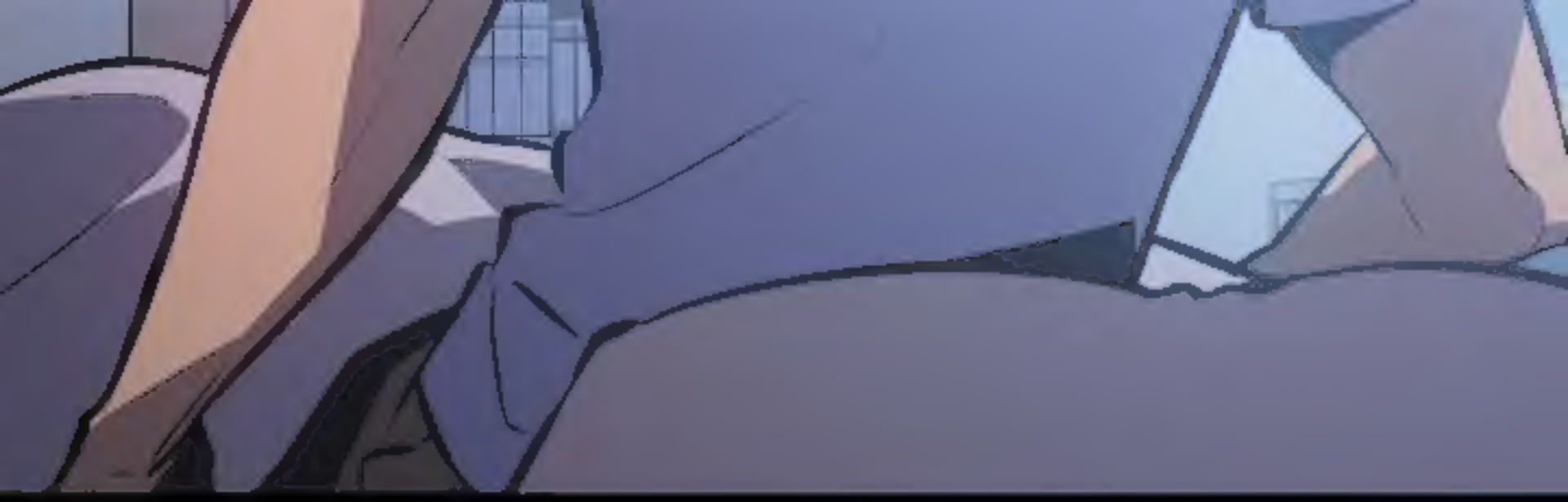




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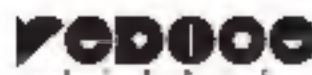




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